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1. The Soviet Embassy and the Soviet satellite legations in Buenos Aires have intervened or will intervene on behalf of individual Slav organizations which were affiliated with Union Eslava and which were ordered closed by the Argentine government. Igor Budarin, Soviet Charge d'Affaires, recently held a conference with Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Atilio Bramuglia at which time the dissolution of the Union Eslava was discussed.
2. The Yugoslav Legation, in particular, is faced with the possibility of losing the support of many Yugoslav immigrants who joined Tito as a protest against the occupation of their country by the Axis powers but were never true Party-line Communists. The Legation fears that these immigrants will be converted and brought into the ranks of the Ustasha, Chetnik, and Croatian Peasant Party groups. Because of these pressing events, Bogdan Popovic, First Secretary of the Legation, will probably postpone his departure for Belgrade.*
3. Slav Communist cells have continued to operate. The police, thus far, have not succeeded in ferreting them out.

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